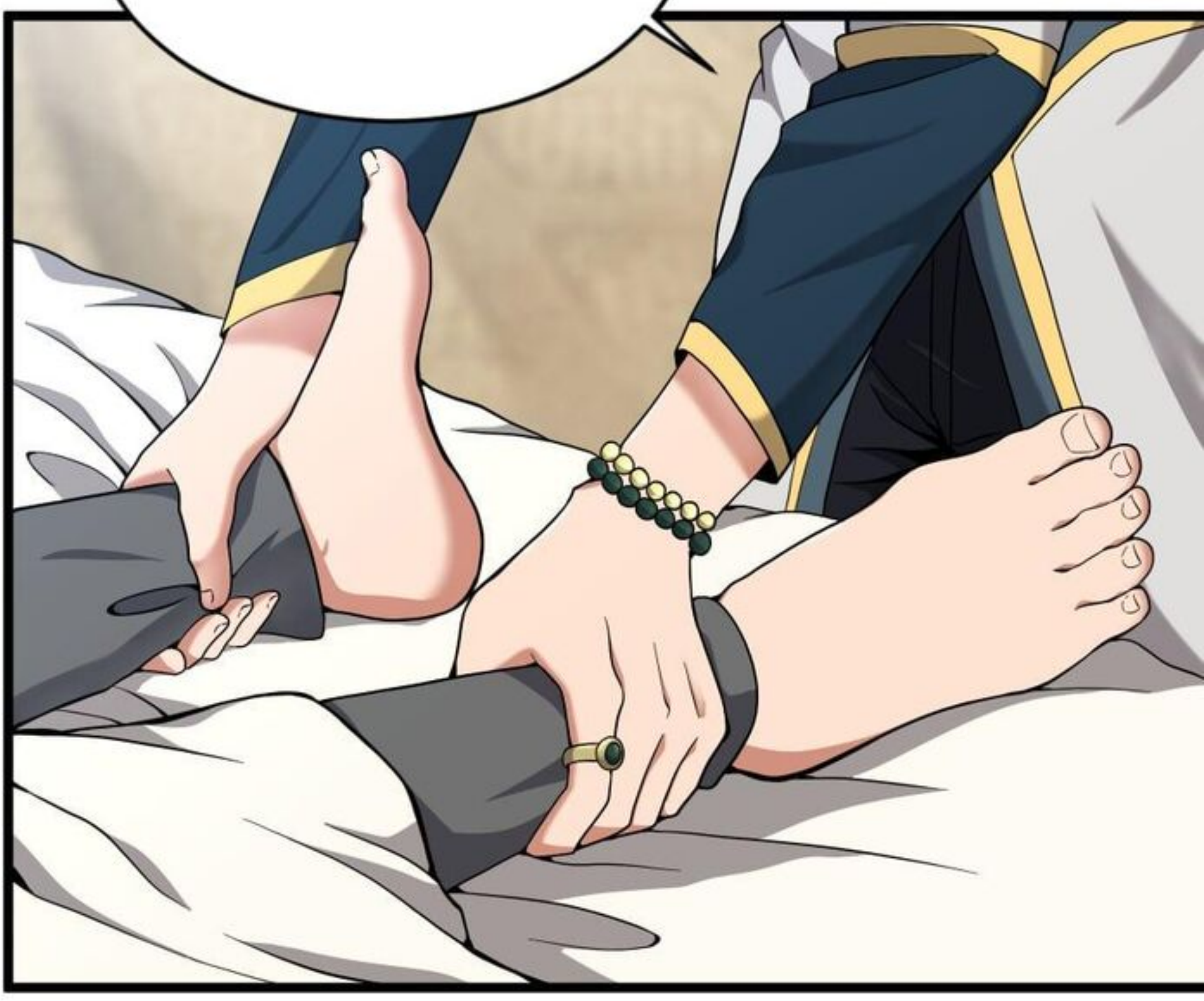
COME ON, ART!

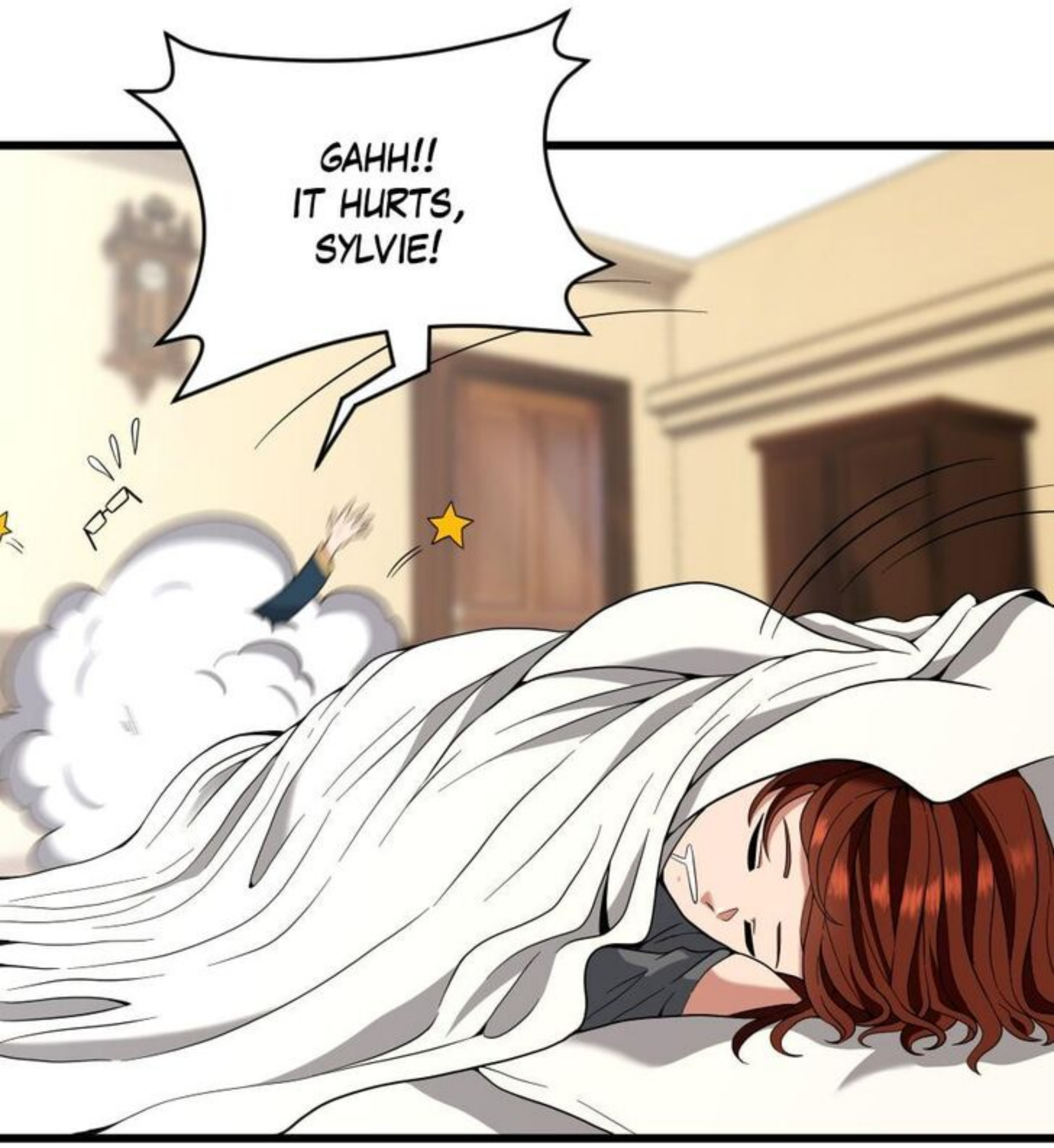


WAKE UP!

HNGH

WE CAN'T BE LATE
TO OUR FIRST--
KUU!

AYU!


GAHH!!
IT HURTS,
SYLVIE!

I-I'M UP...

I'LL BE READY
IN 5 MINUTES.
YAWN

I STILL CAN'T
BELIEVE YOU CHOSE

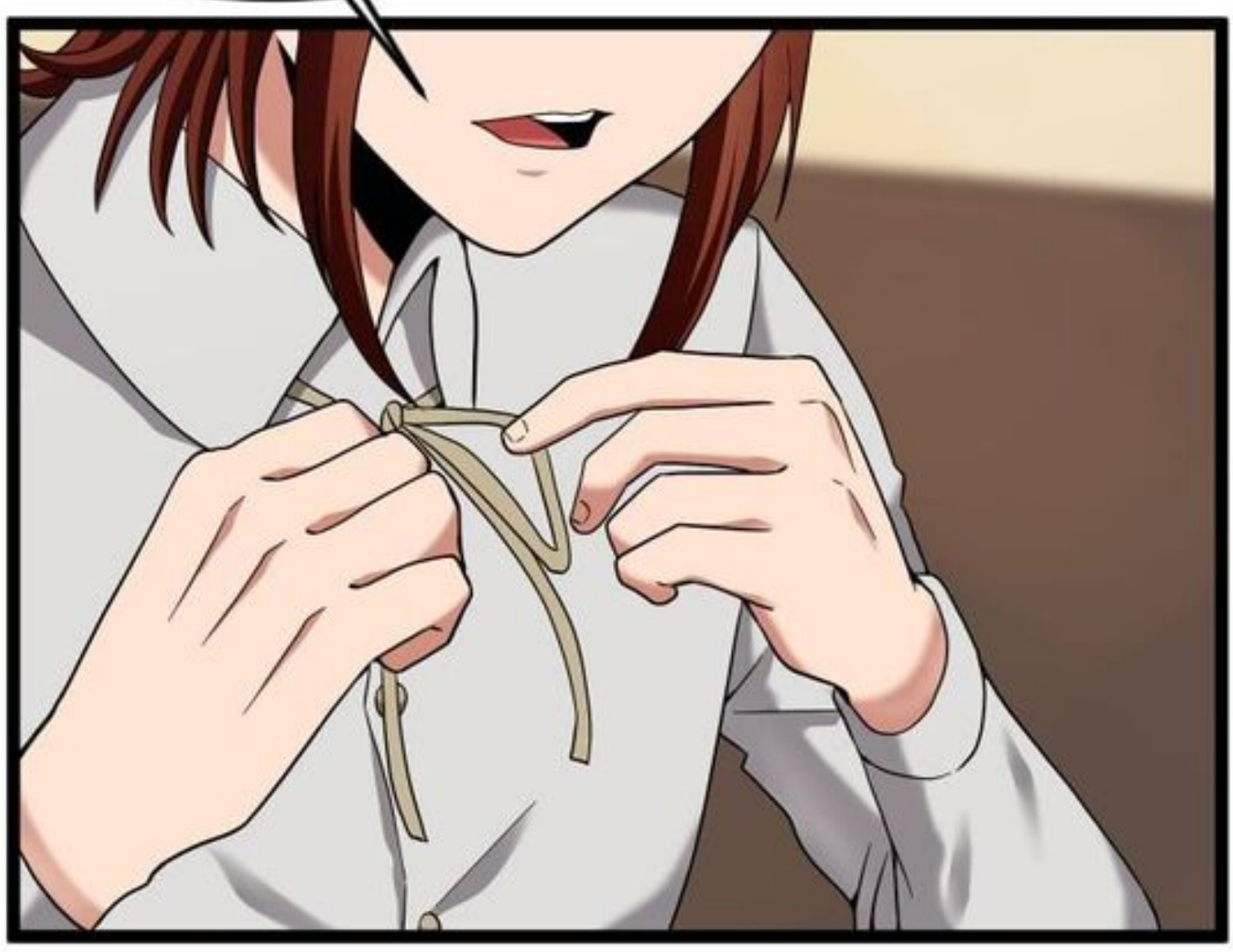
TO ATTEND XYRUS ACADEMY AS A SCHOLAR MAGE.

WHY NOT?
I TOLD YOU I WANTED TO LEARN MORE MAGIC THEORY.

YEAH,
BUT YOU CAN DO THAT BY TAKING ELECTIVES, NOT CENTERING YOUR WHOLE ACADEMIC LIFE AROUND IT.

FIGHTING KIDS MY AGE DOESN'T REALLY INTEREST ME.

AND BESIDES, I'LL STILL BE TAKING SOME BATTLE MAGE CLASSES.



I KNOW,
BUT STILL...

I'VE HEARD THAT
SCHOLAR MAGES TEND
TO BE LOOKED DOWN ON
BY BATTLE MAGE
STUDENTS.

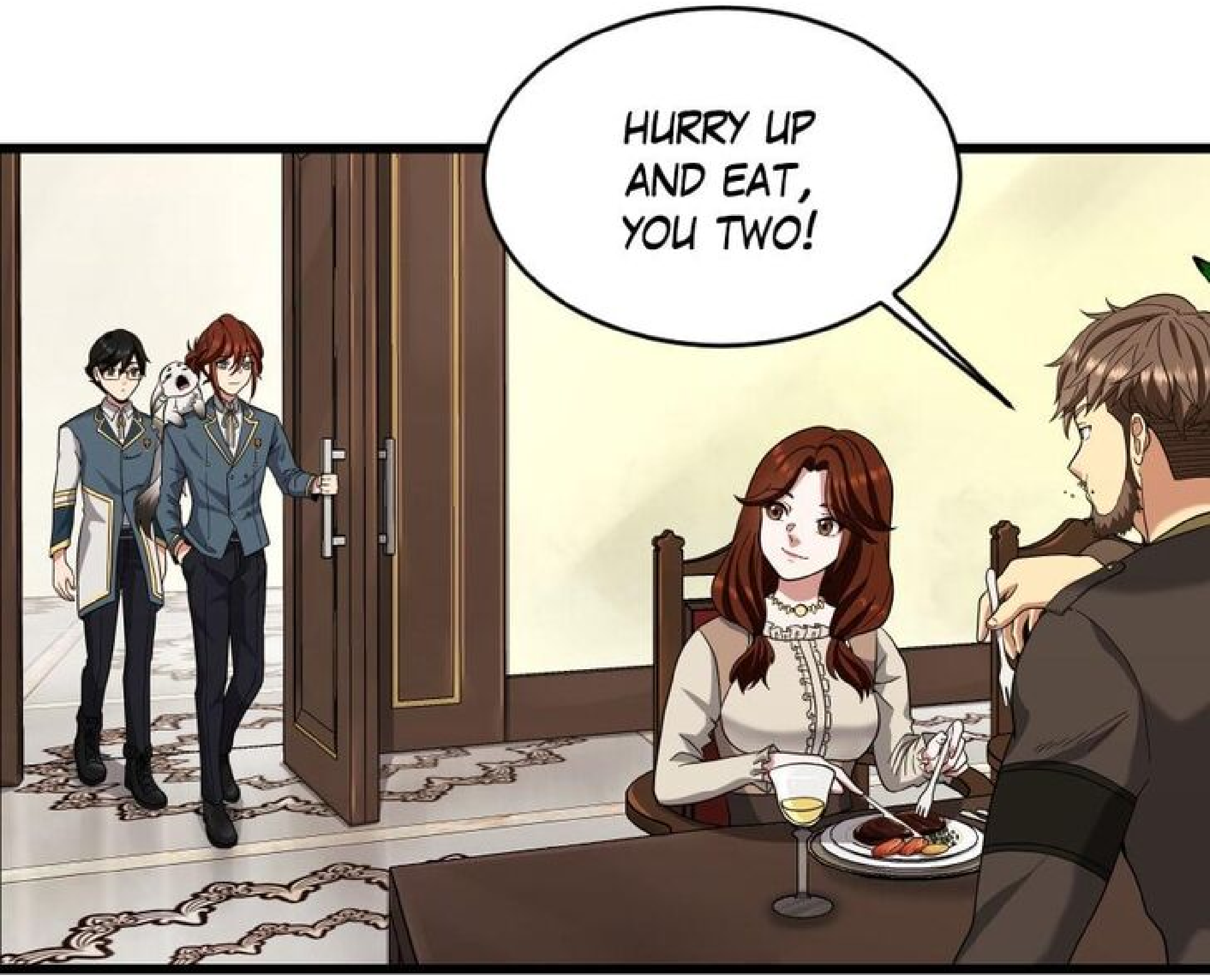
AWW,
ARE YOU WORRYING
ABOUT ME?

AS IF.
I'M WORRYING ABOUT THE STUDENTS THAT'LL GET SENT TO THE MEDICAL WARD FOR LOOKING DOWN ON YOU.

HAHA.

DON'T WORRY
EL,

I'LL TRY TO
BEHAVE.


HURRY UP AND EAT, YOU TWO!

IT'S NOT FAIR. I WANT TO GO TO XYRUS TOO!

THEN STOP SLACKING ON YOUR TRAINING.

AUNT ALICE, DO YOU MIND HEALING MY FACE?

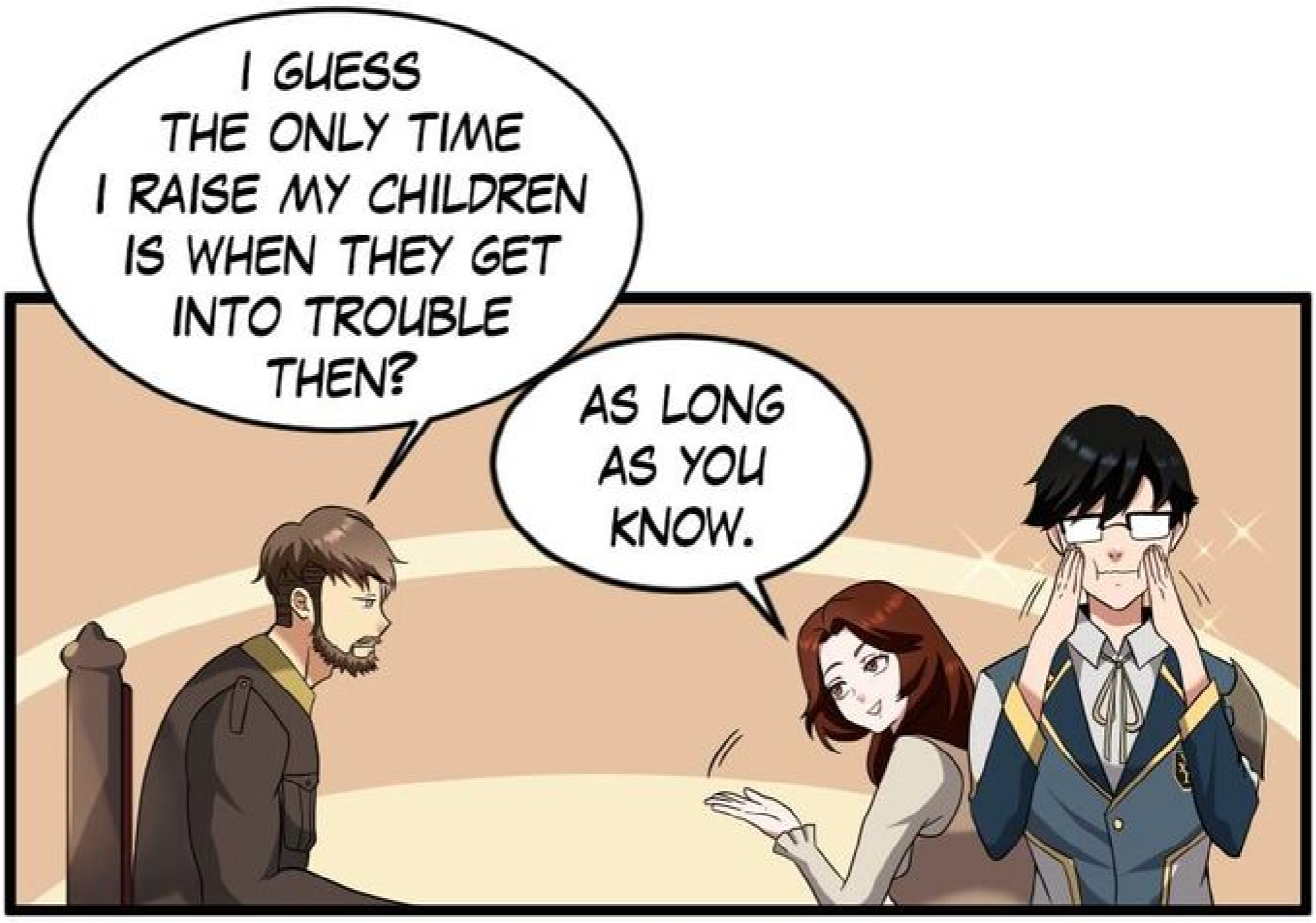
CHUCKLE

WHAT DID YOU DO TO SYLVIE THIS TIME? COME HERE.

CAN'T BELIEVE MY BOY IS ATTENDING THE FAMOUS XYRUS ACADEMY!

LOOKS LIKE WE RAISED HIM WELL, RIGHT, HONEY?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WE"? I WAS THE ONE WHO RAISED HIM.


I GUESS THE ONLY TIME I RAISE MY CHILDREN IS WHEN THEY GET INTO TROUBLE THEN?
AS LONG AS YOU KNOW.

I'LL TRY TO COME HOME WHEN I CAN.

BEHAVE AND LOOK AFTER MOM AND DAD, OKAY?

YEAH
YEAH...

YOU HAVE
THE PENDANTS
I GAVE YOU,
RIGHT?

KEEP THEM
ON YOU!

NO
LAST WORDS
FOR YOUR
FATHER?

YEAH,
DON'T BURN DOWN
THE HOUSE WHILE
YOU TRAIN, DAD!

CHEEKY BRAT.
NOD
NOD

THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END

STORY BY
TURTLEME

ART BY
FUYUKI23

PRESENTED BY
TAPAS MEDIA

QUALITY CONTROL BY
KISAI ENTERTAINMENT

MAIN ASSISTANTS/ALKALENZ
STORYBOARD ASSISTANT/ORCATEA
COLORING ASSISTANTS/CHIBONIIE & YUEJI
LINING ASSISTANT/MIKAGE

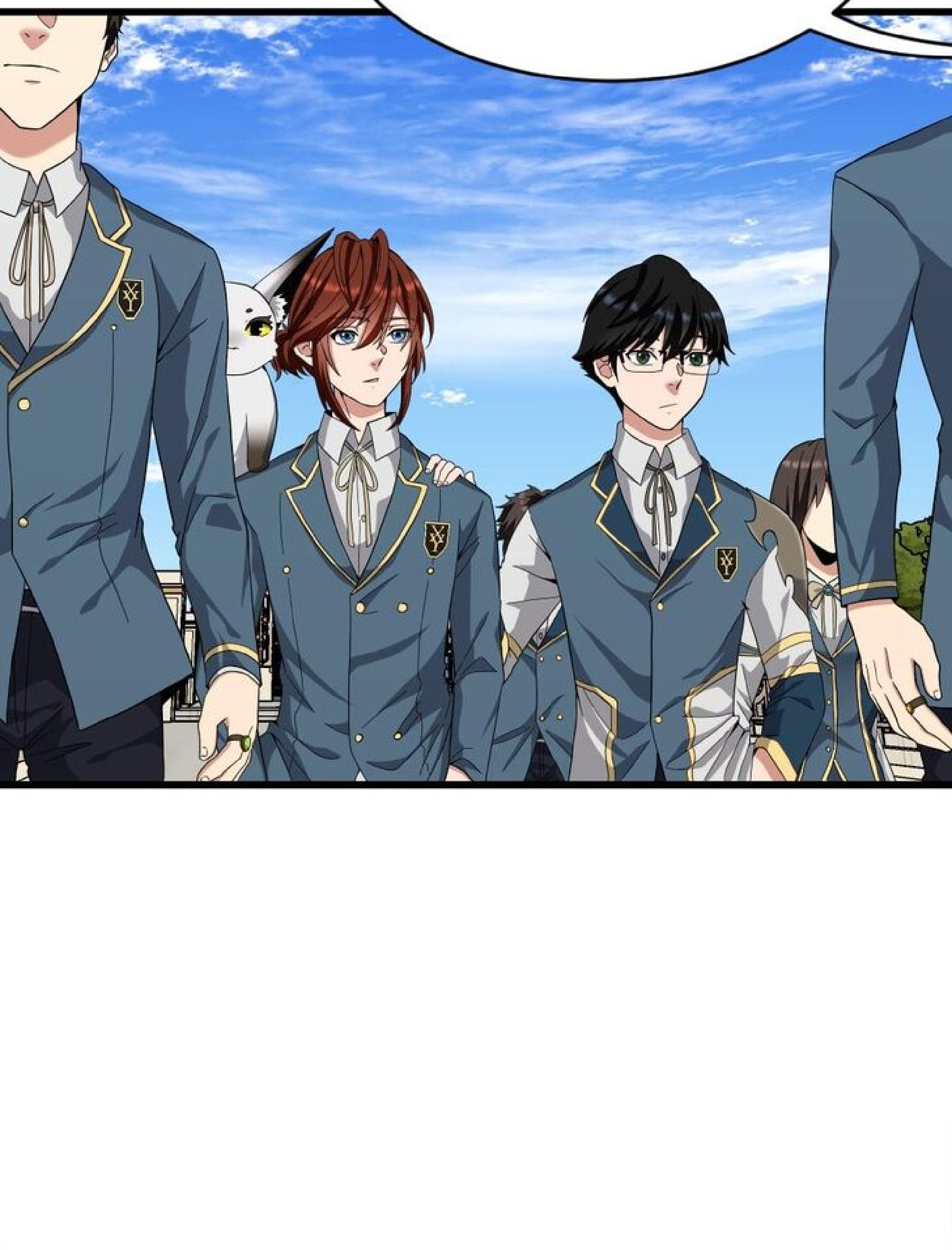
PROJECT MANAGER
SERA SWATI

EDITORS
GABRIELLE LUU & AKY

WE'RE HERE.

KYUU!

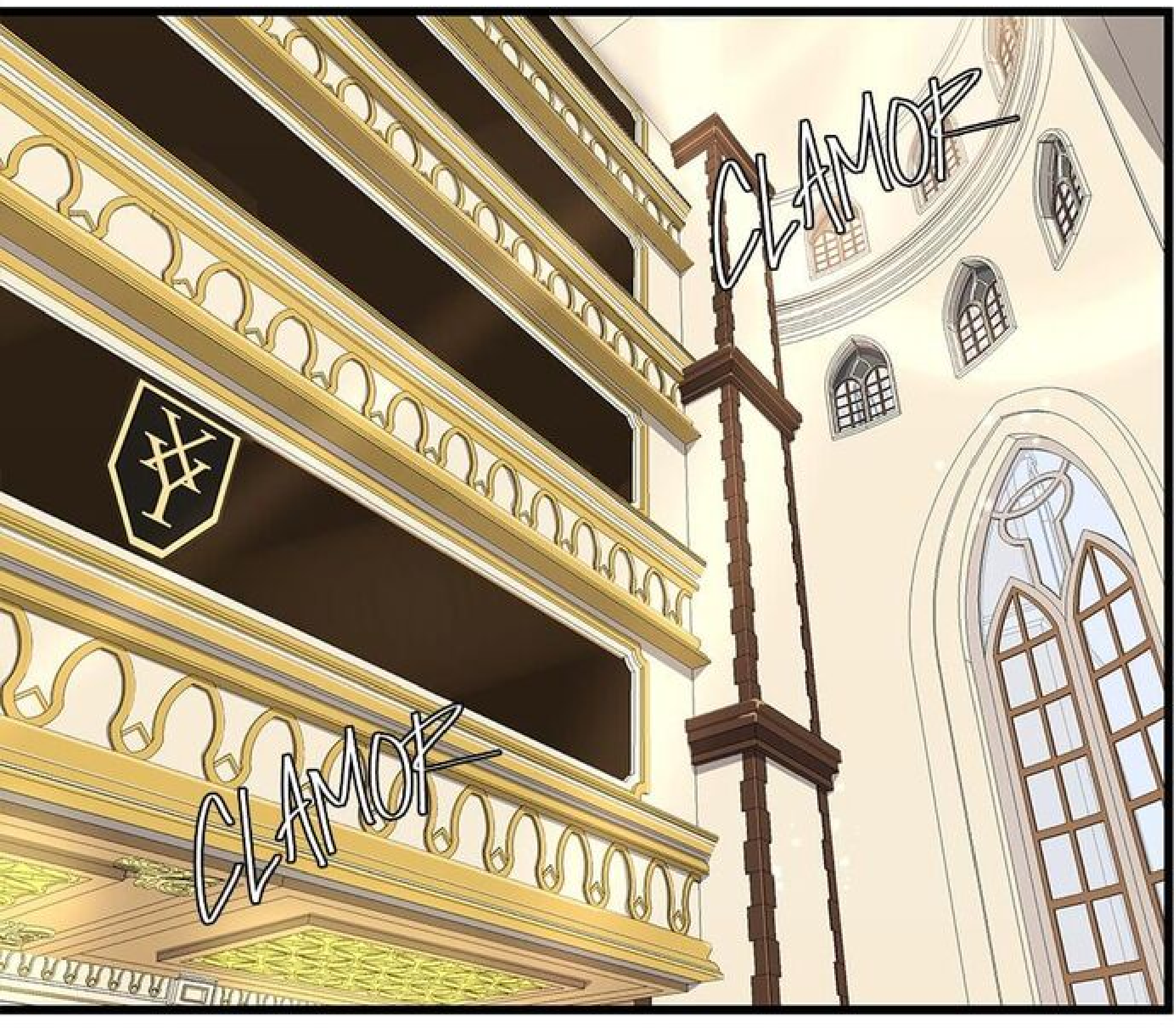
STUDENTS,



PLEASE FORM

A SINGLE FILE LINE IN FRONT OF THE WHITE CENTRAL BUILDING UP AHEAD!

ATTENDANCE OF THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY IS MANDATORY!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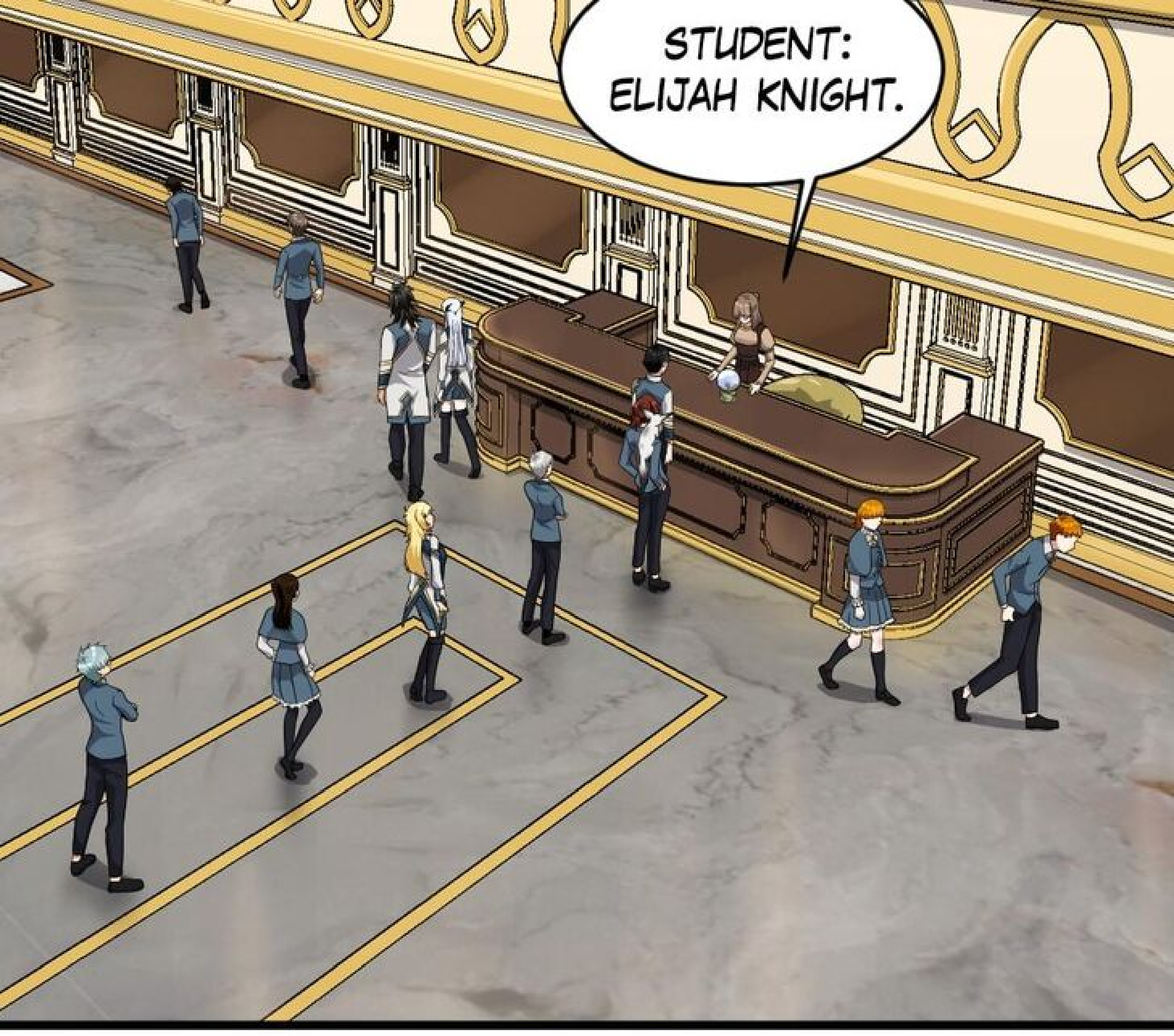
CLAMOR

CLAMOT



BATTLE MAGE CANDIDATE,

AFFINITY FOR EARTH MAGIC.

WELCOME.

STUDENT:
ARTHUR LEYWIN.

SCHOLAR MAGE
CANDIDATE, AFFINITY
FOR...

EARTH AND WIND MAGIC?!

THAT'S ME.

IS THERE A PROBLEM?

SHE'S SURPRISED THAT YOU'RE ONLY A DUAL-ELEMENTAL MAGE.

N-NO!

SHAKE

SHAKE

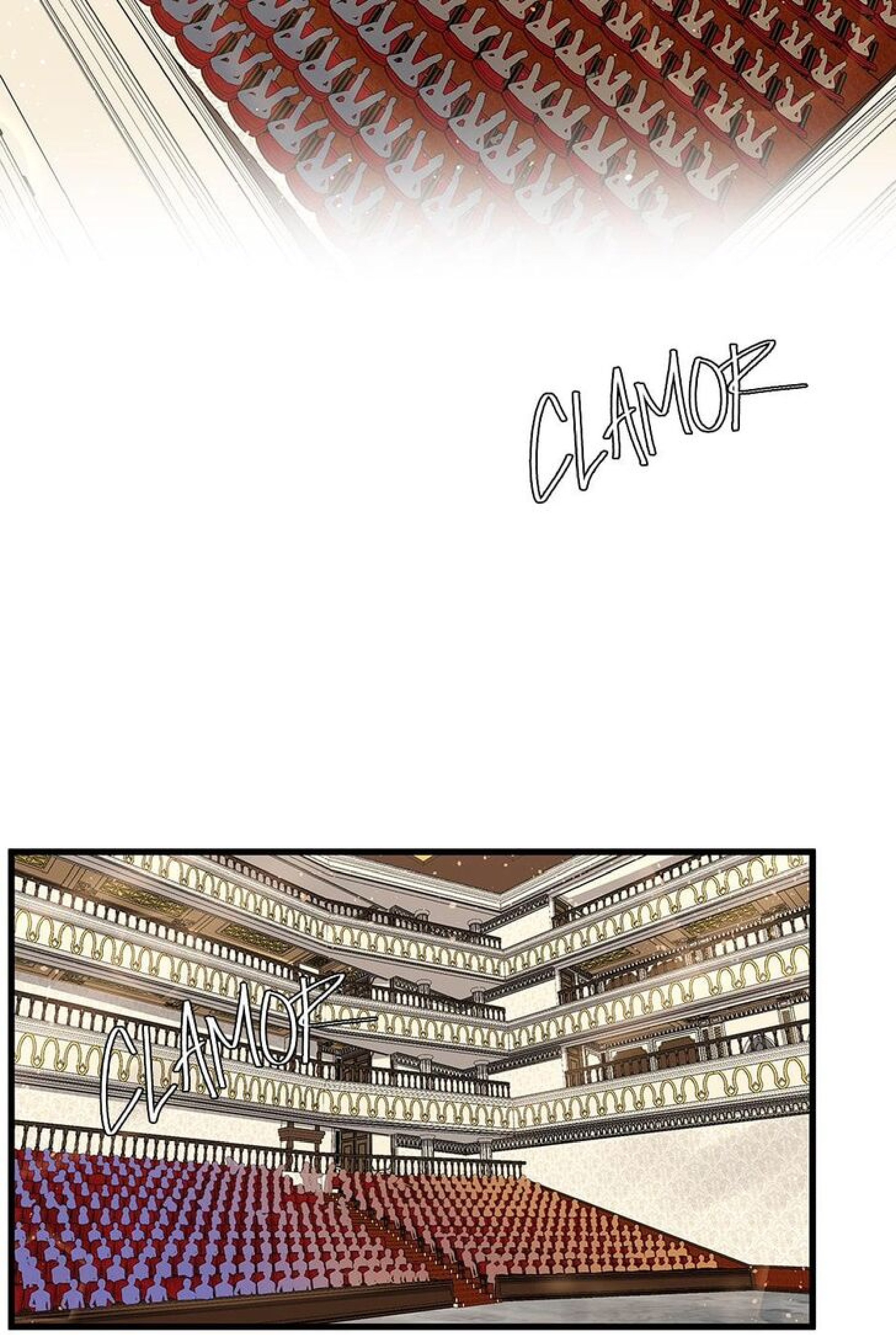
WOAH!
I DIDN'T THINK

IT'D BE THIS CROWDED ALREADY INSIDE.

CLAMOR

YEAH
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THERE ARE THAT MANY SEATS LEFT.

CLAMOR


CLAMOR
CLAMOR

CLAMOF

SORRY,

PARDON ME.

OH HEY!
I'M A BATTLE
MAGE TOO!

HEY LOOK.
ANOTHER NERDY
SCHOLAR
WEAKLING.

EXCUSE
ME.

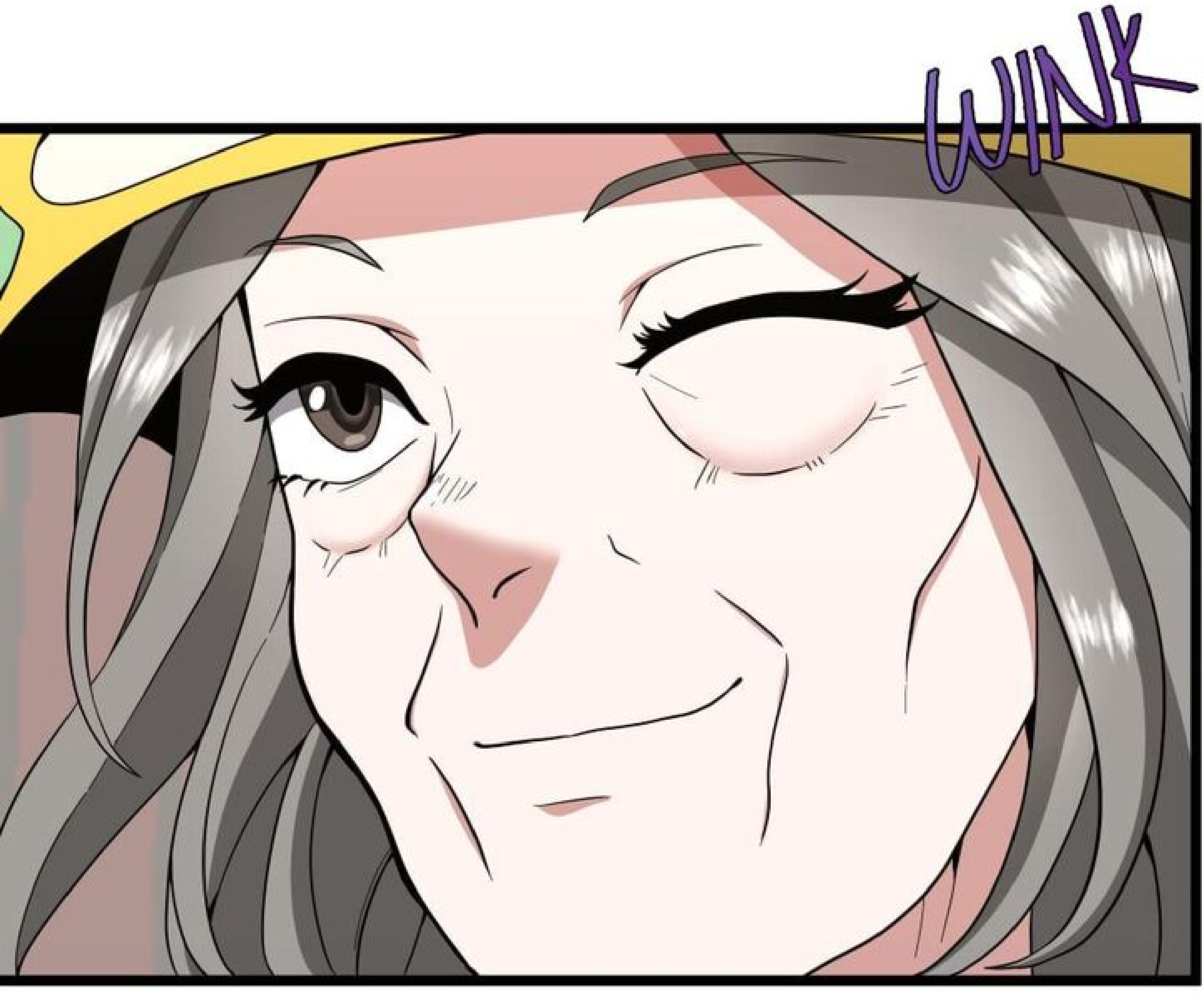
CAN I GET THROUGH?
KRRR

G-GO ON...

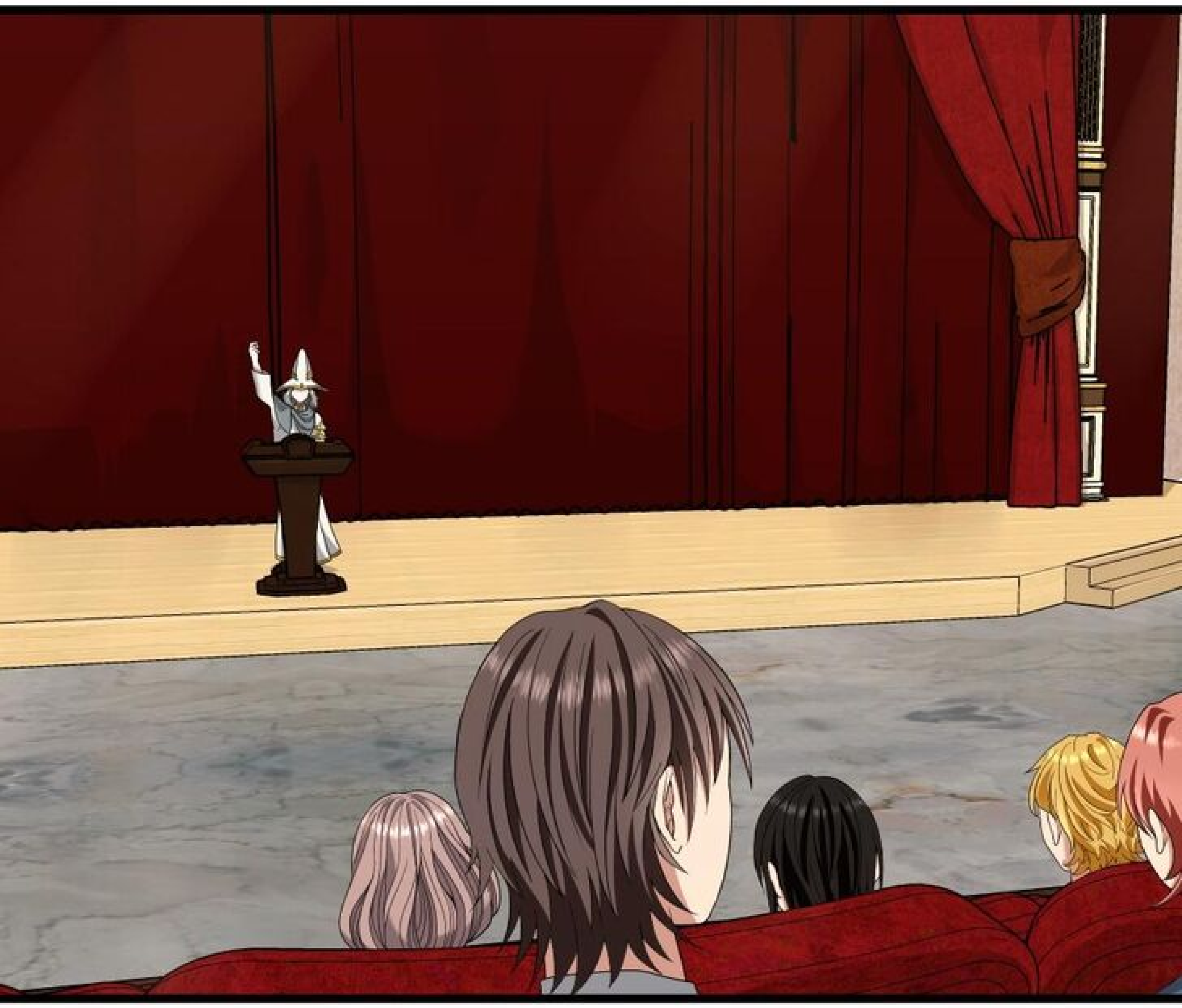
CHATTER

I FORGOT HOW LOUD KIDS AROUND THIS AGE GET WITH THEIR FRIENDS...

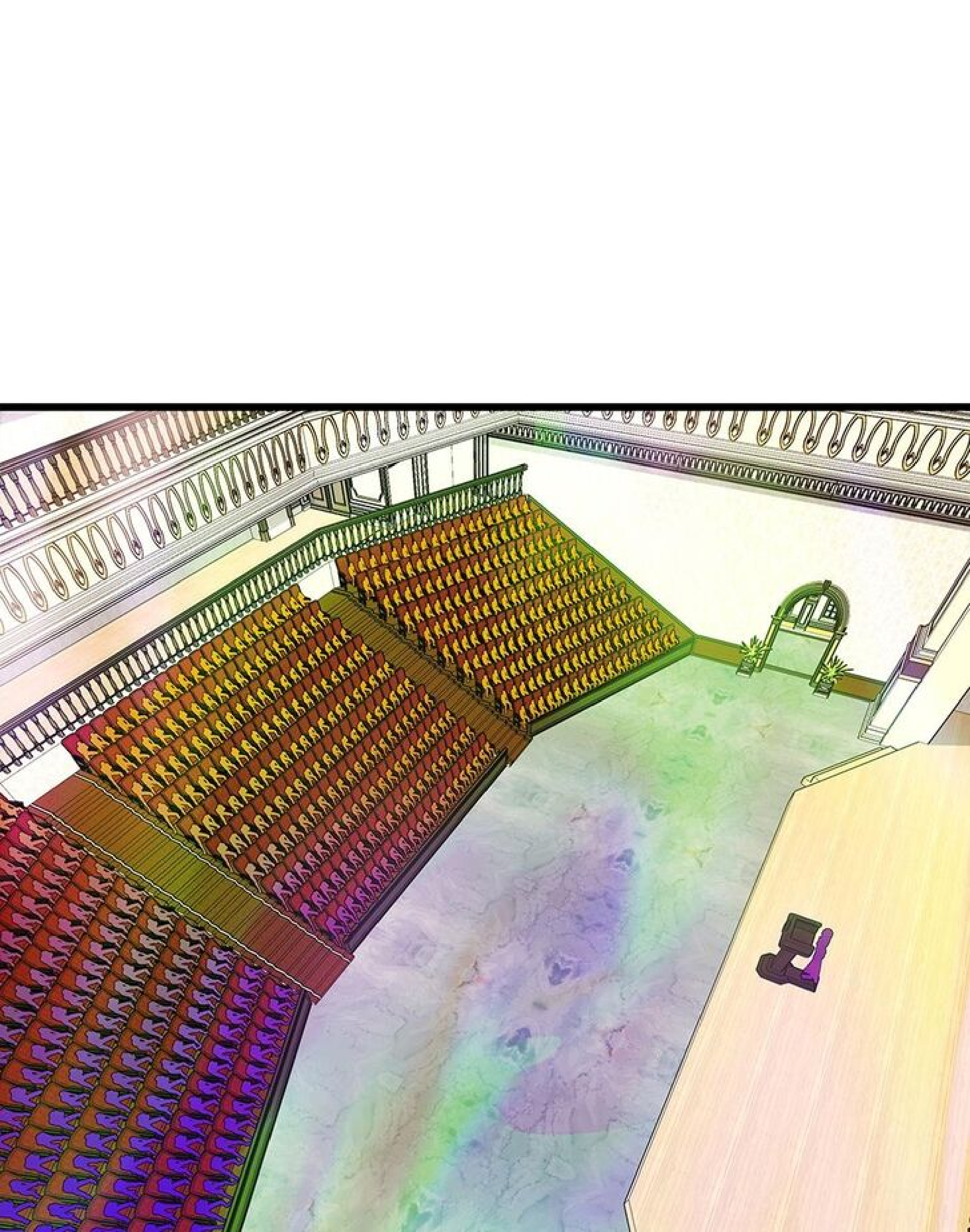
WHO
HMMM?
SH

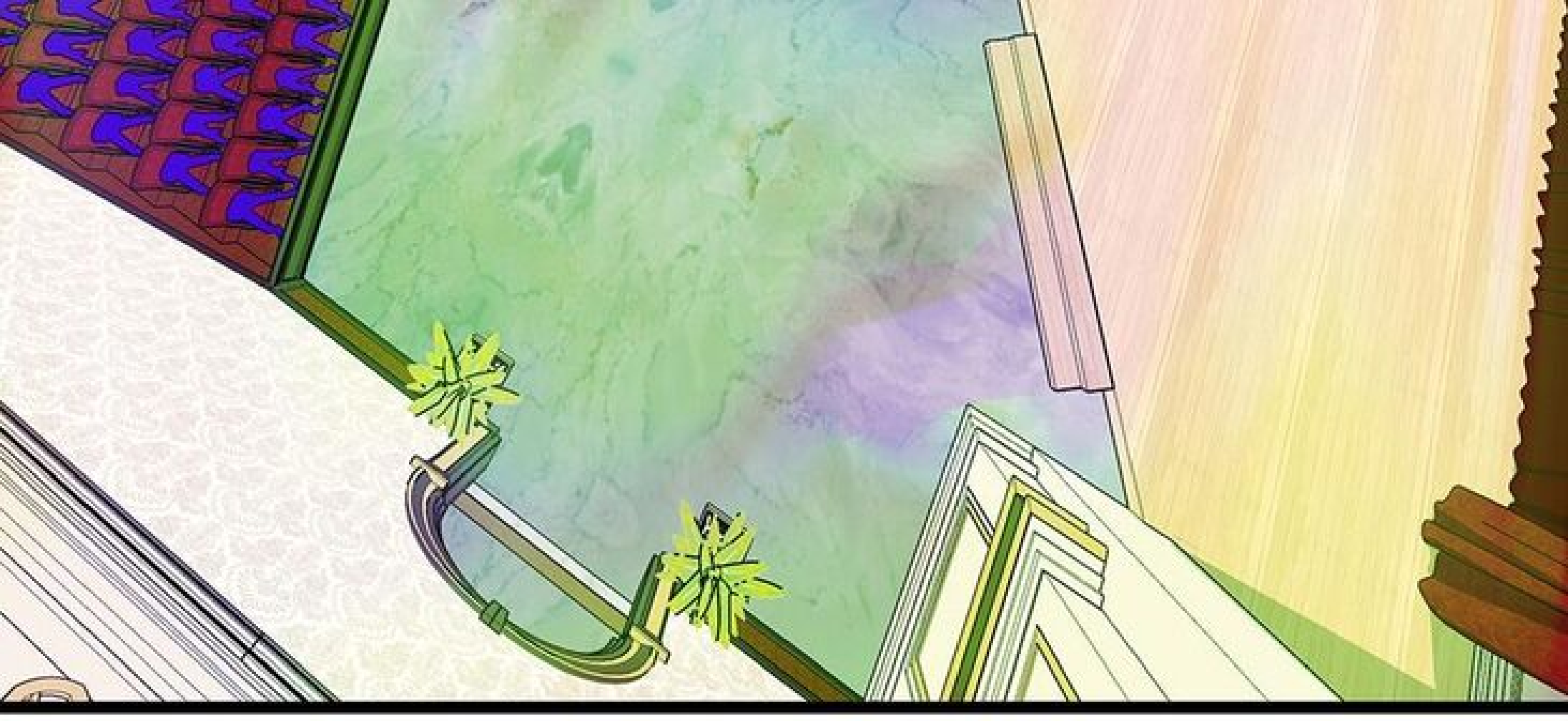

WINK

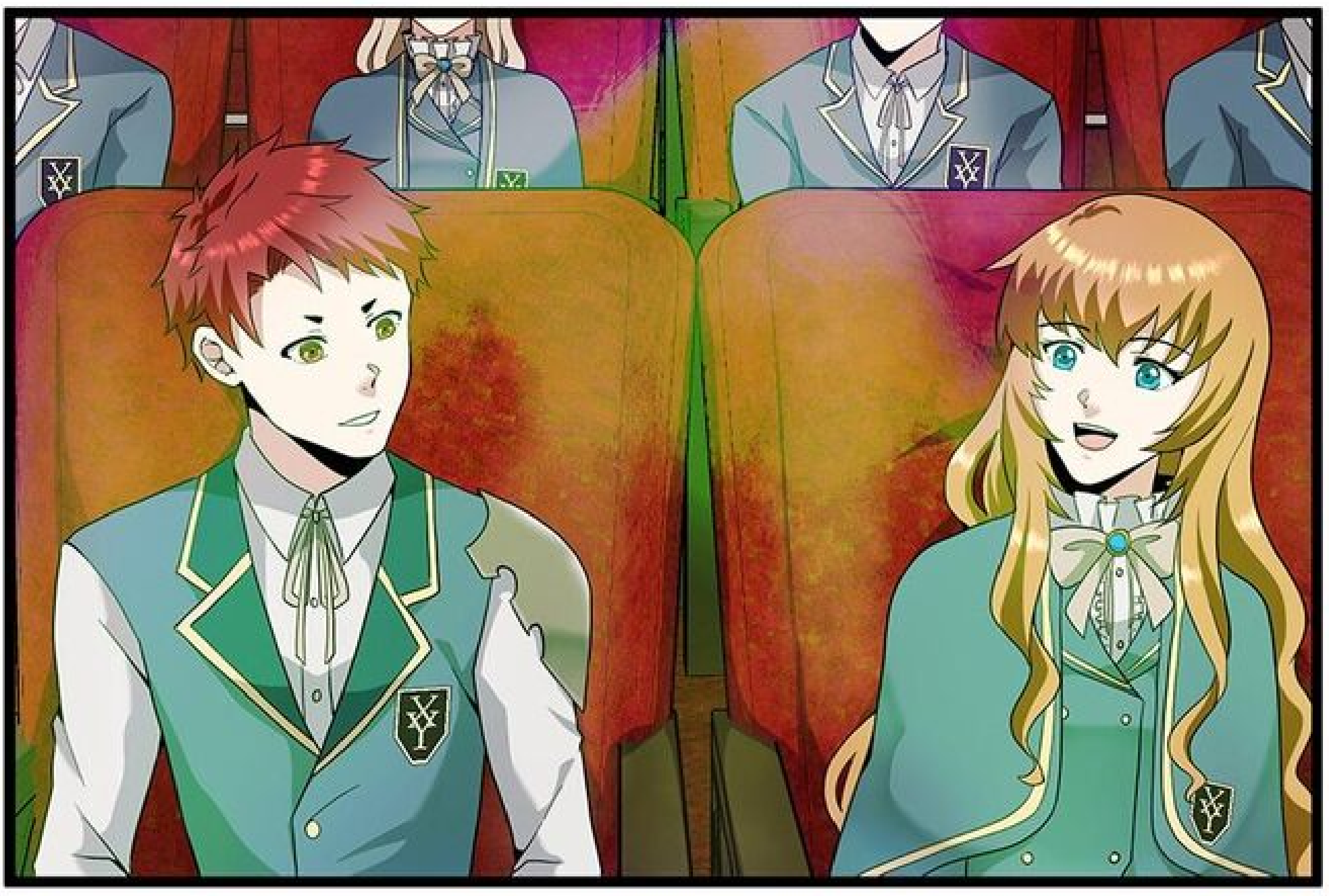
SHIVER

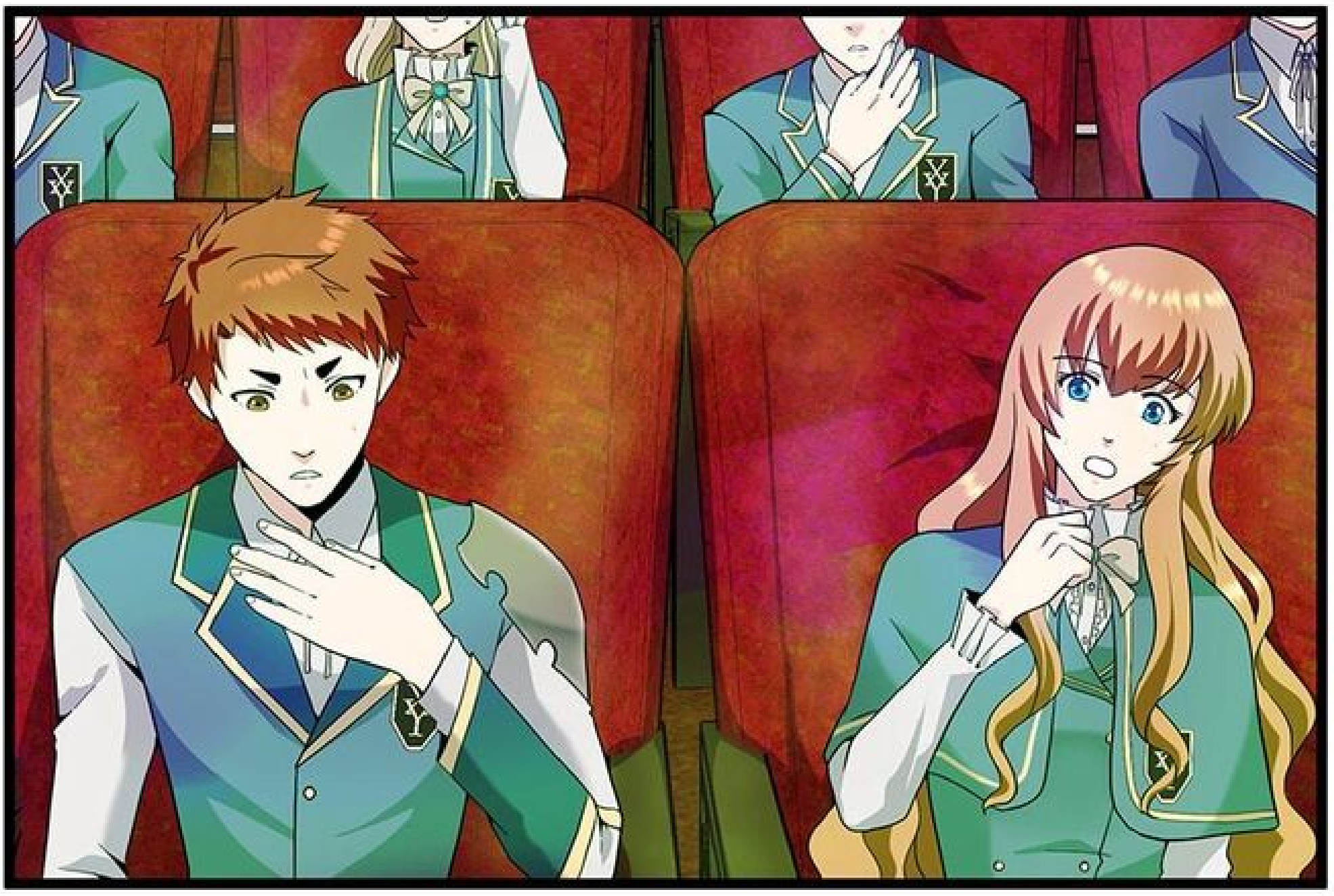


SNAP









I KNEW SHE
COULD USE SOUND
MAGIC...

BUT SHE'S SKILLED
ENOUGH TO ENCOMPASS
THE WHOLE BUILDING!

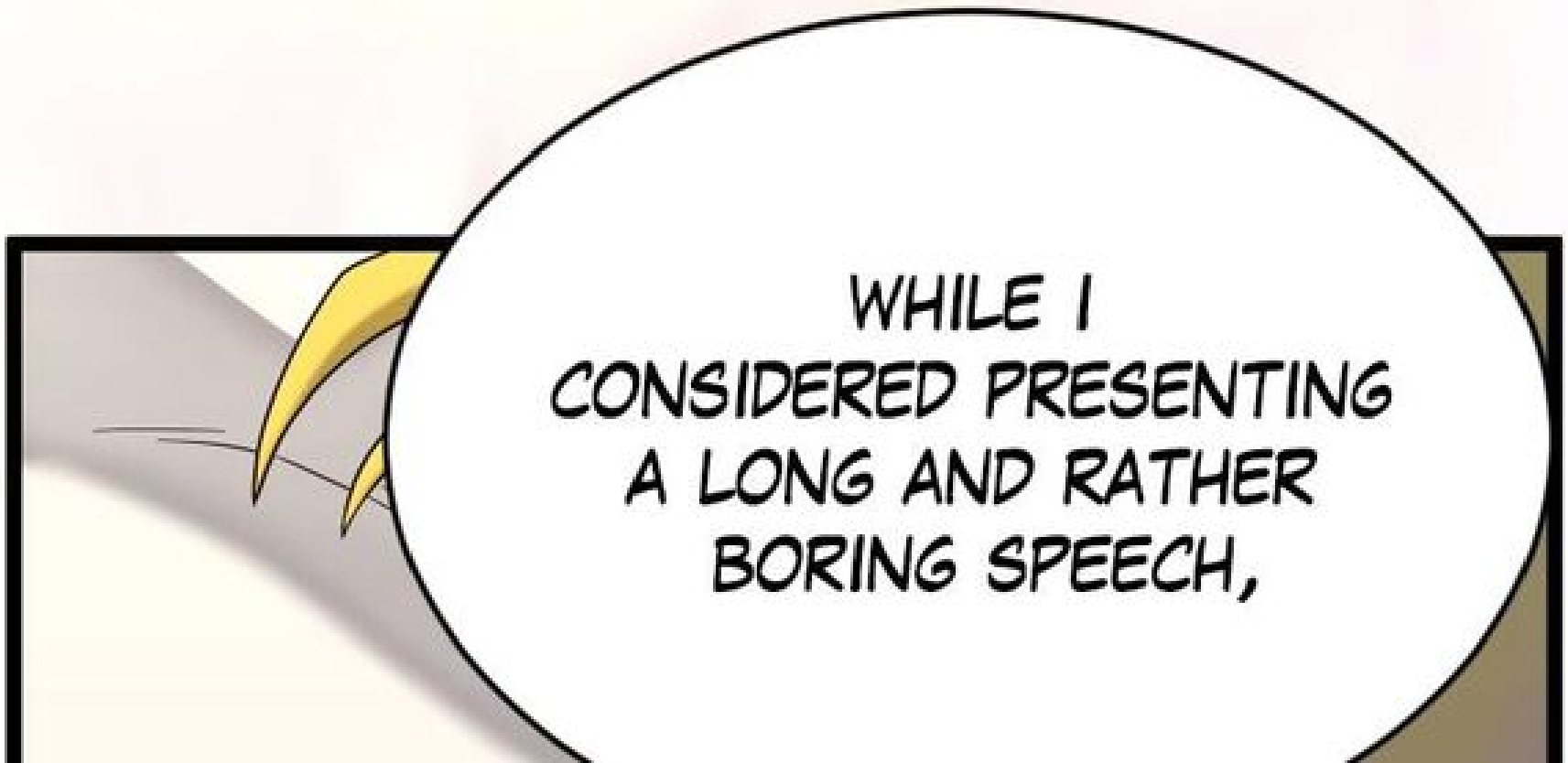
EXCUSE ME
FOR MY RUDENESS
BUT I DO HATE
SPEAKING UP.

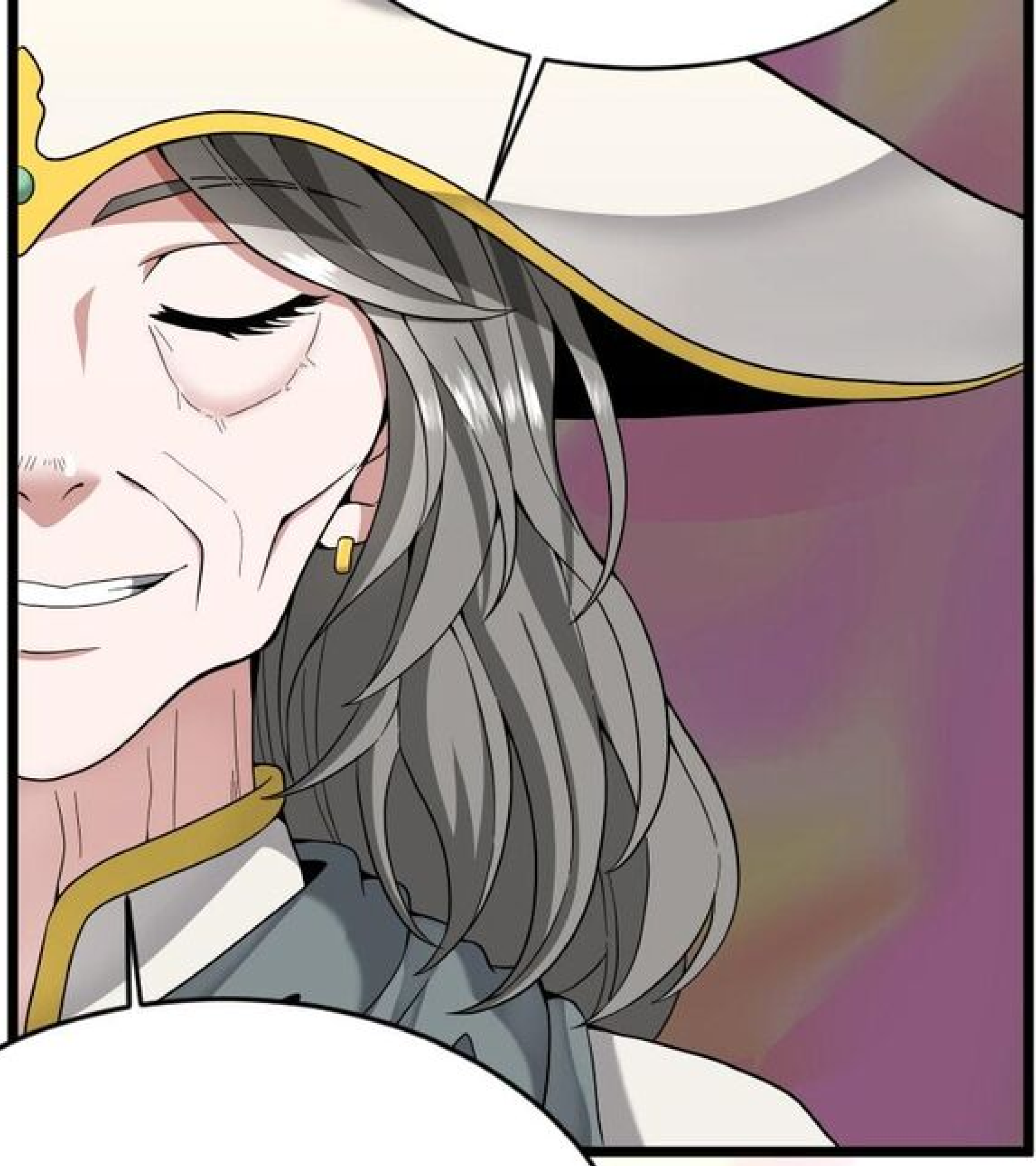
IT'S NOT VERY GOOD FOR MY THROAT-- ESPECIALLY AT MY OLD AGE.

I WOULD LIKE
TO WELCOME YOU
ALL--

THE FUTURE
LEADERS, SCHOLARS,
AND POWERHOUSES OF
DICATHEN, TO THIS
HUMBLE ACADEMY.

I AM DIRECTOR
CYNTHIA GOODSKY.


WHILE I
CONSIDERED PRESENTING
A LONG AND RATHER
BORING SPEECH,



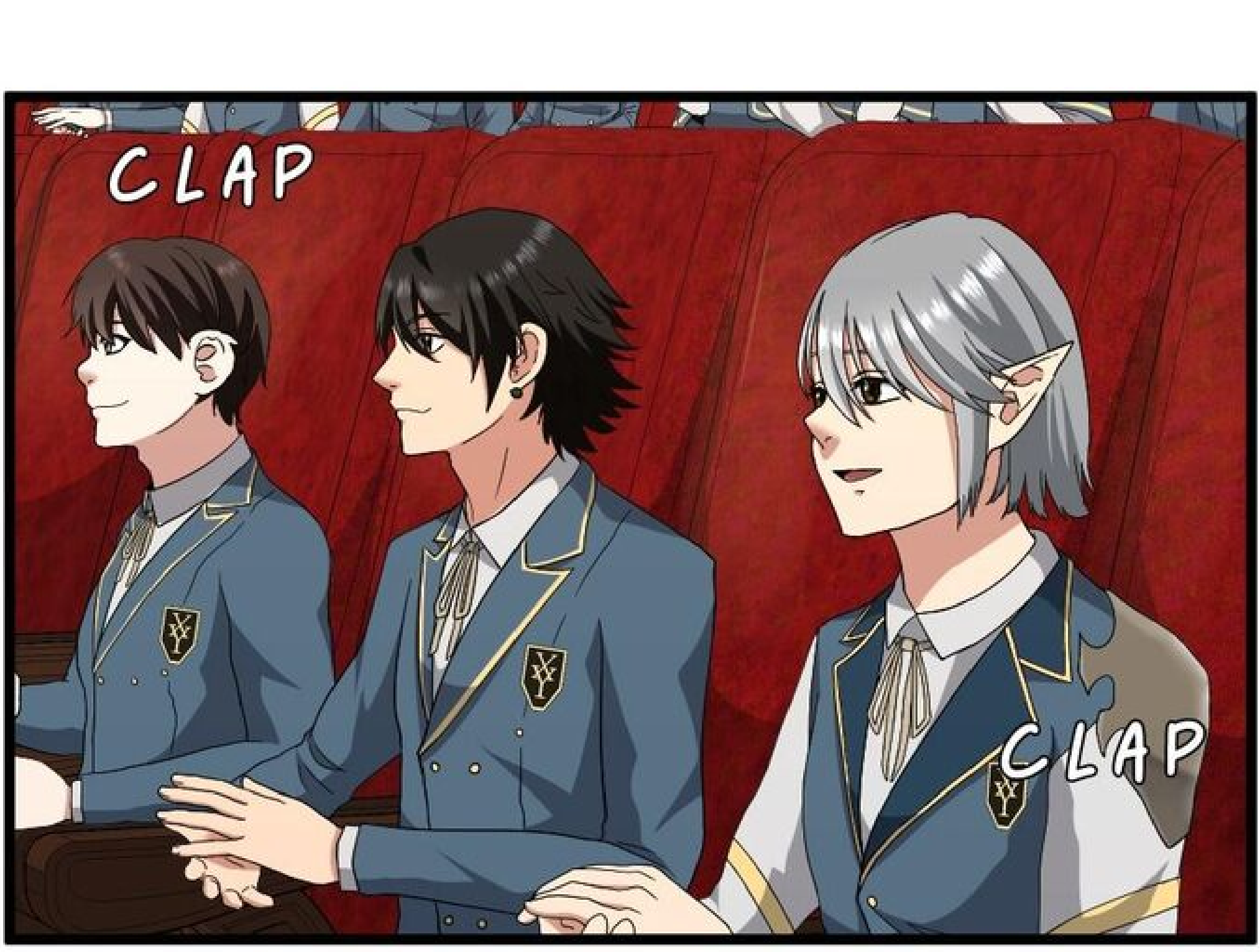
I REALIZED THAT THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL YEAR...

SHOOM

SHOOM

I AM PROUD
TO SAY THAT, SINCE
THE FOUNDING OF THIS
INSTITUTION,

WE HAVE NEVER HAD
AS MANY ELVES AND DWARVES
IN ATTENDANCE AS TODAY!


CLAP
CLAP

AS SUCH,
WHO BETTER TO
WELCOME YOU ALL THAN
THE VERY STUDENTS THAT WILL
HELP LEAD AND GIVE VOICES TO
EVERY ONE OF YOU.

PLEASE GIVE A WARM
WELCOME TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE XYRUS ACADEMY
STUDENT COUNCIL!

CLAP

CLAP

CLAP
CLAP

LOOK, LOOK-- THERE'S LILIA! WE SHOULD CHEER FOR HER!

WOOO!! GO LILIA!!

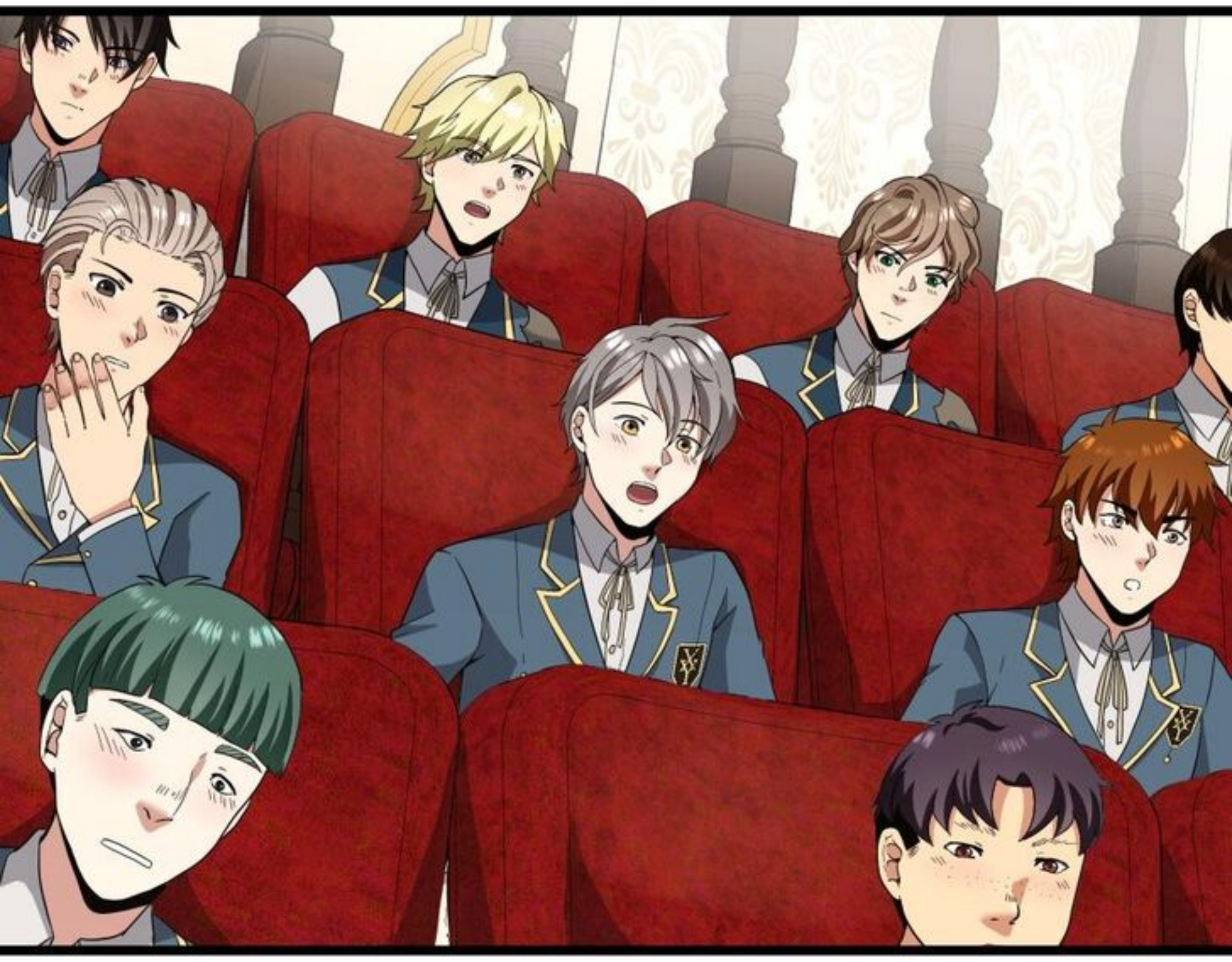
CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

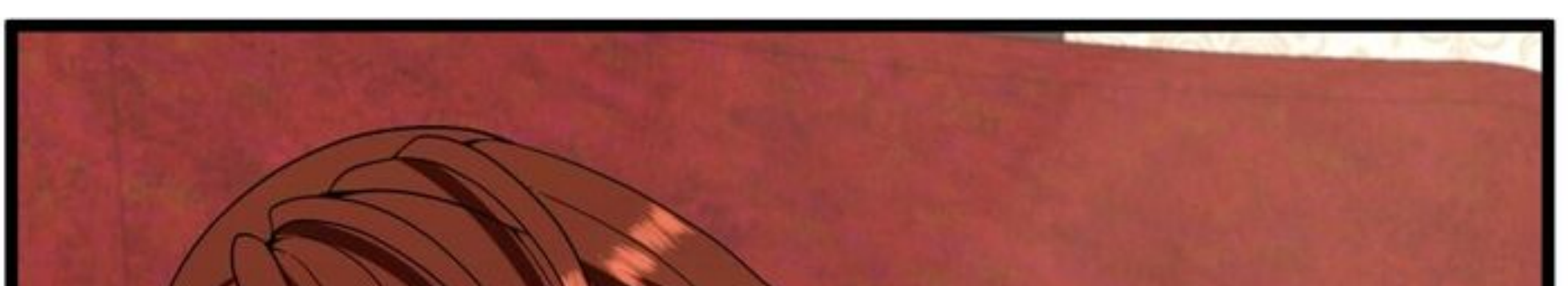
CLAP

STEP



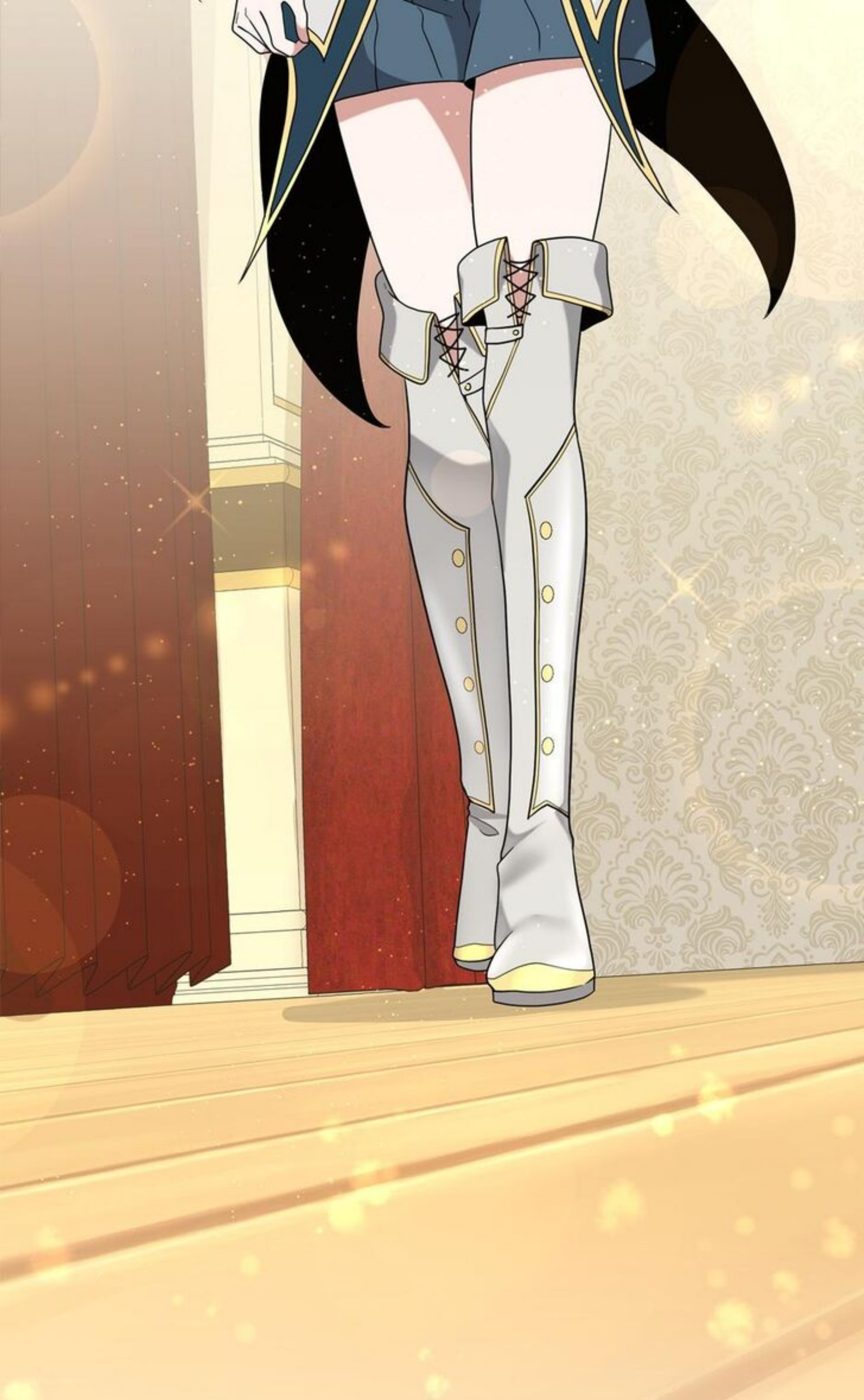
WHOA...

WHO IS THAT?



LONG TIME
NO SEE...

TESS.



KEEP UP WITH US CREATORS ON INSTAGRAM!

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